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| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information |  |                            |                                 |  |
| 1. X   | This is a FIRST submission   | n of items concerning a    | filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.     |  |
| 2.   | This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  |                            |                                 |  |
| 3.   | This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.  |                            |                                 |  |
| 4. 📋   | The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).  |                            |                                 |  |
| 5. X   | A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))   |                            |                                 |  |
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| 8.   | An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3));   |                            |                                 |  |
| 9.[X   | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).   |                            |                                 |  |
| 10.  | An English lanugage transla<br>Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c   |                            | the International Preliminary E | xamination Report under PS 7                   |
| Item   | is 11 to 20 below concern o  | locument(s) or inform      | ation included:                 | A. O. V  |
| 11.  | An Information Disclosure  | Statement under 37 C       | FR 1.97 and 1.98.               | 2002<br>L.Re                                   |
| 12.  | An assignment document   | for recording. A separ     | ate cover sheet in compliance v | with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 included.            |
| 13.🛛   | A FIRST preliminary ame  | endment.                   |                                 |  |
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| 15.  | A substitute specification.  |                            |                                 |  |
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| 17:  | A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.  |                            |                                 |  |
| 18.  | A second copy of the publ  | ished international app    | lication under 35 U.S.C. 154(d  | )(4).  |
| 19.  | A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).  |                            |                                 |  |
| 20. 🛛  | Other items or information   |                            |                                 | - · ·  |
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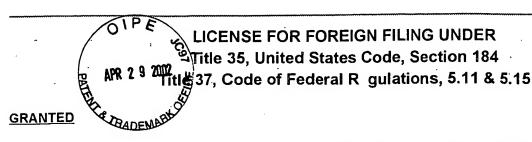
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DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

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